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CITY SCHOOL BUILDING DESTROYED BY FIRE.

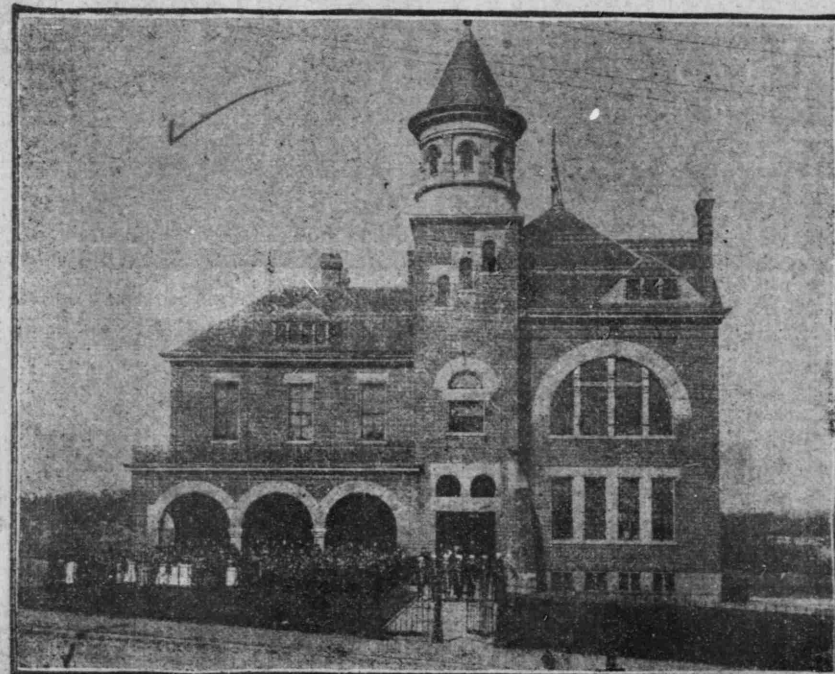
**A Total Loss, With Nothing Left
Save Fragments of the Walls.**

**Flames Originated In the Basement and Spread Rapidly
Through the Building.—Heroic Efforts of the
Fire Department of No Avail.**

LOSS \$30,000, INSURANCE, \$15,000.

Blaze a Beautiful Spectacle, and Seen for Several Miles.

**Preparations Will Be Made at Once for Rebuilding.
Temporary School Will Probably Be Opened.**



At 7 o'clock last evening a still alarm was sent to the fire department that the handsome City School building was on fire. The department made a fast run to the building and on arriving there found flames bursting from the basement windows and the whole building filled with blinding smoke. It was a very difficult matter to get to the fire. It originated right over the furnace, which is situated under the front room on the East side, the room used by Mrs. Fanniebell Sutherland.

The fire had burned through the floor in this room and had spread throughout the basement.

Four streams of water were turned on and the firemen were making a desperate fight to save the building at this writing.

The last hose attached was not long enough to reach the building, and the new extension ladder recently purchased had to be sent for so they could enter the second story window. The wagon also making the second trip back to engine house for hose.

The fire at 9 o'clock was still burning and they were endeavoring to keep it confined to the first floor. Some hopes were entertained at this time that the brave fire laddies would be successful, but hopes were soon cast aside as it suddenly became evident that no human efforts could save the beautiful building from destruction, and it is

now a total wreck, a few bare walls only remain standing.

The dome on the building fell in at 9:20 o'clock, and it was a pretty sight, although watched through the tears from the eyes of many. Five or six hundred people and nearly every pupil of the school, which number over 500, seemed to be at the fire. The burning of the copper that cover the dome while burning made almost every color of the rainbow, and when it fell was one of the most spectacular scenes ever witnessed in our city.

On January 8, 1889, about the same hour, just eighteen years ago last night, the old City School building was burned to the ground.

The building burned last night was built in 1890 at a cost of \$30,000, which is a total loss. There was \$15,000 insurance on the building.

No one worked more like a hero at the fire than did Prof. Geo. W. Chapman, the Superintendent. He was on the scene shortly after the alarm was turned in and the last seen of him he looked like a walking icicle, his wet clothes having frozen on him. The school was never under more promising conditions than now under the management of Prof. Chapman, and many words of sympathy were expressed for this calamity.

Most of the pupils of the school lost their books and the teachers a number of valuable personalities left in their desks.

George B. Davis Killed.

Chief of Police Geo. M. Hill, on yesterday, received a telegram from the Coroner at Martinsville, Ill., stating that "Geo. B. Davis, a deaf mute, of your city, was killed here today. What disposition to make of remains."

Geo. B. Davis or "Dummy," as he was familiarly called by his friends here, was the son of the late Nicholas Davis, of this city. He is survived by his mother and one brother, who reside at Grand Rapids, Mich., and two sisters, Mrs. D. M. Connor, of this city, and Mrs. Robt. Robbins, of Ashland.

No further particulars of his death could be learned more than the above telegram. Chief Hill telegraphed that his remains be sent to this city and they will arrive here some time tomorrow.

"Dummy" Davis was a printer by trade and has worked in all of the offices in this city. He was about 34 years of age, bright and of a jovial disposition. He left Paris several years ago to make his home at Grand Rapids, Mich., and it is not known why he was in Illinois at this time.

Cut flowers, funeral designs, etc., gotten on short notice by Jo. S. Vanden.

Ice Cream and Hot Drinks.

Ice cream and all kinds of hot drinks at all times.
1t MANN'S CONFECTIONARY.

Knows His Book.

Call on Joe Newhall at John J. Connelly's plumbing shop if you want an expert to work on your machinery. Joe knows his book when it comes to machinery. 29-2t

And Still They Come In.

Cashier W. W. Mitchell, on yesterday, received five more letters containing forged drafts on the bank of Geo. Alexander & Co. They were for amounts ranging from \$35 to \$75. This makes over \$1,200 worth that have turned up so far. This traveling forger, E. R. Leslie, is managing to keep a little ahead of Pinkerton's men, but they will soon get the gentleman landed behind the bars. One of the letters yesterday was from Dallas, Texas, and one was from Iowa, showing that he was somewhat of a traveler, having started at New Orleans.

If Red Cross Flour pleases you, tell your friends, if not, tell us. Made by E. F. Spears & Sons. 24-tf

Arrested on Charge of Rape.

Henry Johnson, a negro from the Hutchison Station neighborhood, was before Judge Denis Dundon yesterday, to answer the charge of rape. He was held to March term of Circuit Court under \$1,000 bond. The woman in the case is Bettie Holman, colored, the mother-in-law of the defendant.

MILLERSBURG ITEMS.

—Job printing—neat and cheap—give me a call. R. M. CALDWELL.

—Mrs. H. R. Laird is on the sick list.

—Mrs. G. W. Dailey is some better.

—J. W. Payne is not so well.

—Marion Johnson continues about the same.

—Mrs. A. S. Best has a trained nurse with her.

—Robert Tune and family will move to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, about March 1st.

—Thomas McClintock & Sons sold to Scott Hudson, 3 mules and three horses; to the Pulaski Mule Co., of Tennessee, 28 mules at fair prices. Also shipped 13 mules and horses to Cincinnati.

—LOST.—On Maysville pike, between Millersburg and Hutchison, two oak bed rails. Leave at Geo. W. Davis' furniture store, Paris, Ky., and receive reward. 25-2t

—Messrs. Richard Ratliffe, of Sharpsburg, and White, of Pulaski, Tenn., were here several days last week buying mules and horses.

—Messrs. J. T. Jefferson and Hulin Kemper, who purchased the mill property of the estate of R. M. Evans, sold the vacant lots on the south bank of Hinkston to the Kentucky Mining and Developing Co. This property is near the Caldwell lead mines and will be used to put their smelter and other machinery on. This machinery has been purchased at a cost of \$21,000 and will be put in in the near future. The dam over Hinkston connecting the two mill sites will be raised four feet higher so as to always have plenty of water. Mining work is booming. G. W. Judy is receiving a number of letters each day from foreign capitalists for stock. Local capitalists are seizing all they can get owing to their recent investments and new leases. More stock will be issued the first of the week, which will be taken up at once as soon as it is placed on the market.

—Mr. George Wadell, of Atlanta, Ga., was the guest of relatives here Thursday and Friday.

—Miss Lelia McClintock spent Monday in Lexington.

—I have recently purchased the wood and blacksmith shop of Martin O'Neil and will give my patrons the same courteous treatment they have received in the past. All work positively guaranteed. I am prepared to do anything in wood and iron that is done in any shop of this kind, horseshoeing a specialty. Give me a call.
JAMES FIGHTMASTER, Agent.

—The handsome monuments for the lots of the late A. J. Hitt and J. M. Vimont arrived Thursday and will be put up at once. The Hitt monument cost \$1,000. It will be remembered that this was a compromise, Miss Bettie Vimont agreeing to give up her interest in the estate if the heirs would put up a thousand dollar monument.

—Elder J. D. Waters, of Lexington, has accepted a call as pastor of the Christian church and entered on his new charge Sunday. Elder Waters is a good speaker and a splendid mixer.

—Mrs. Martha Vimont returned Thursday after a two weeks' visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Munzing, of Maysville. She leaves Mrs. Munzing much improved.

—We are in the market for corn and baled hay, paying the highest market price. PEALE COLLIER & CO.

—Four new students entered school at M. M. I. last week.

—Beginning with February 1st, continuing through the entire month, I will sell all grades of Chinaware at greatly reduced prices. This is a rare opportunity to secure bargains.
LOUIS VIMONT.

—Dr. Alexander Hunter, of Washington, Ky., was at the bedside of his daughter, Mrs. A. S. Best, Thursday night, who is ill with typhoid fever. Her brother, Chas. B. Hunter, and sister, Miss Patty, arrived Friday afternoon. Mr. Hunter left Monday but Miss Hunter will remain through the week.

—G. W. Judy has accepted a traveling position with the G. F. Harvey Medical Supply Company, of Saratoga, N. Y., and begins work Monday.

—Miss Lydia Custer, of Cynthia, is the guest of Miss Mary McDaniel.

—Mr. Chas. Martin sold last week to the Pulaski Mule Company, 28 mules.

—Thomas Wilson and wife have rented a flat from Mrs. Sue Sandusky on 5th street and will take possession about February 15th. The Misses Burberry, of Centerville, spent last week with their uncle, J. F. McDaniel, and entered M. F. C. Monday.

—George Baldwin, while skating on the McClintock pond near the depot Sunday, saw a fish with its head sticking up through an air-hole. He succeeded in landing the fish which, when weighed, tipped the beam at six pounds.

—T. M. Sharp left Sunday for a few days visit to his sister, Mrs. Ed. Ross, of Lexington.

Cold Enough.

The thermometer registered 10 degrees below zero here early yesterday morning. Ice on Stoner was two and a half inches thick. Several parties began cutting, but concluded to wait until today as they did not desire to take any chances on breaking through as the creek is still high.

It is said that the snow will be a great benefit to the wheat crop but farmers are greatly inconvenienced in looking after their sheep as they are lambing.

That Opportunity

knocks but once at every man's door has in many instances proven to be untrue. And we propose to prove it again, for we are going to sell

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